

**MINUTES OF**  
**FAUQUIER COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**September 24, 2008**

**7:00 P.M.**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – Warren Green Building*  
*10 Hotel Street*  
*Warrenton, VA 20186*

**Members Present:** Matthew Smith, Chairman, Laurence Mason, Vice-Chairman, R. Holder Trumbo, William D. Nace, Sam Poles, Peter S. Eltringham, and Adrienne Garreau

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Walker and J. David Cubbage

**Guests Present:** Paul Russell (VDOT), Harriet Parcels (RRRC), Joe Mehra (MCV Associates)

**Staff Present:** Susan Eddy, Paulette Dolan, Rick Carr and Kim Abe

**1. *Approval of June 25, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Mr. Poles and seconded by Ms. Garreau, it was moved to approve the June 25, 2008 Committee meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.**

**2. *Approval of July 30, 2008 Committee Meeting Minutes***

**ACTION:**

**On motion made by Ms. Garreau and seconded by Mr. Poles, it was moved to approve the July 30, 2008 Committee meeting minutes with one amendment. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ms. Garreau requested that her comment in reference to a staff member, such as Kim Abe, attend each meeting involving Route 215 as a voice of historic implications, be added to the July 30, 2008 minutes.

**3. *Consider a request for “Children at Play” signs at three locations on Franklin Street (Lee District) – The Town of Remington***

Mr. Smith suggested forwarding items #3 and #4 to VDOT for recommendation.

Mr. Trumbo requested that staff notify citizens that there might not be a decision at the initial meeting so they don't have to come twice.

Mr. Nace suggested that staff forward requests to VDOT prior to adding as an agenda item.

Mr. Trumbo expressed that he would like the Transportation Committee to be notified of which items have been passed to VDOT.

Mr. Smith believed that VDOT should hear from the concerned citizens prior to making a recommendation.

Mr. Nace replied that the Transportation Committee will take into consideration the recommendation from VDOT along with the citizens concerns to come to a decision.

Mr. Poles brought up the general issue of Children at Play signs, and recounted a previous discussion of the Transportation Committee where he believed they were trying to do away with them.

Mr. Russell suggested an alternative Watch for Children sign which would be VDOT's recommendation.

Mr. Smith recalled having a previous request for equestrian signs on Midland Road that was denied. He then asked the committee if they were in agreement to forward these requests and future requests directly to VDOT.

Mr. Trumbo requested that the committee be advised of any citizen requests that are sent to VDOT. He stated the citizens are disappointed when they have to attend meetings when they're requests are passed along. He further stated that if the citizens wish to attend and speak, they may do so during citizen's time. Mr. Trumbo suggested that staff make the citizen aware that the request will be forwarded on to VDOT and they will be notified when the item comes back to the Transportation Committee for consideration.

Ms. Eddy asked the committee how they would like to be notified.

Mr. Trumbo replied that an item be added to the end of the agenda with the submissions that have been requested.

Mr. Nace summarized that the committee has agreed that the requests be forwarded to VDOT and Susan Eddy can update the committee monthly.

#### **ACTION:**

**The Transportation Committee agreed that Staff should forward the Town of Remington and future citizen requests directly to VDOT to study and in turn will make a recommendation based on their findings.**

4. *Consider a request for two equestrian signs on Midland Road (Cedar Run District) – Deborah Van Kleef*

#### **ACTION:**

**The Transportation Committee agreed to forward this request to VDOT to study and in turn will make a recommendation based on their findings.**

5. *New Baltimore Synchro Model – Presentation by Joe Mehra*

Rick Carr introduced Joe Mehra, Traffic Consultant who presented a transportation model program called a SYNCHRO analysis that can aid the county in prioritizing transportation projects. Mr. Mehra and his assistant directed attention to the screen which illustrated cars in the New Baltimore road network. Mr. Mehra presented car movement at the various intersections in the New Baltimore Service District to present current conditions and projected traffic conditions at built-out. Mr. Mehra explained that this particular model for this meeting did not include all the planned transportation projects to illustrate the worst case scenario of traffic conditions without planned improvements. (Build-out is defined as the point in time at which most all of the planned and zoned development has come to fruition. A build out year 2030 was assumed for the purposes of this model. )

Mr. Mehra continued with his presentation, noting that this particular presentation assumes Route 29 is a 4 lane road with some acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Mr. Larry Mason would like more information at future meetings about the Vint Hill proffers.

Mrs. Garreau and other members pressed the point that she needed to know the assumptions for the model. Mr. Eltringham expressed concern about Prince William traffic as a factor in the analysis. All the members, plus several citizens present in the audience, requested a fact sheet that outlined the baseline assumptions for this model that would include the following: the improvements that are part of the model, the traffic counts, the Level of Service, the land use assumptions, and the amount of through traffic. Committee Members questioned some of the model results. Mr. Mehra and staff will be making corrections and refinements.

Rick Carr noted that he was eager to work with the committee members at future meetings to refine this modeling concept to confirm or establish prioritized projects and the committee's sound understanding of the interconnectedness between improvements.

#### **6. *Pre-Scoping Meeting and Route 600 (Broad Run Church Road) Preliminary Engineering – Update by Rick Carr***

Mr. Trumbo explained that he would like his letter to VDOT on Route 600 to be very sensitive to the County's long range plans.

Mr. Russell clarified VDOT's point that the letter would not impact the County's Six Year Plan projects and that the letter would help to clarify matters. Mr. Smith moved to endorse Mr. Trumbo's letter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Poles and unanimously approved.

#### **7. *Citizens' Time***

Chuck Medvitz noted that Fauquier County was now listed as a Preserve America Community and this status would provide the county access to special grants.

#### **8. *Other Items***

Matthew Smith announced that Mr. John Hutchinson, historic consultant, would be attending the October meeting to present information about historic resources.

Bill Nace requested that VDOT evaluate the traffic conditions at south Shirley Avenue and Route 29 and to consider re-timing the light. Mr. Trumbo motioned to approve this request, which was seconded by Mr. Smith and approved unanimously.

Mr. Poles would like more information about trail width restrictions to six feet.

Mrs. Garreau asked about the November and December meetings and whether the meeting would be a combined meeting the 1st Wednesday in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.  
The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 29, 2008.**